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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, YE, KS

SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN-NORTH YEMEN RELATIONS

REF SANA 2286

1. EMBOFF MADE CALL JULY 12 ON SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY
COUNSELOR KIM AND RELAYED TO HIM SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL.

2. KIM THEN ASKED IF WE WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE
GHAMDAN TRADING HOUSE IN SANA, A GENERAL IMPORTER AND
AGENCY THAT HAS IMPORTED ABOUT \$4 MILLION WORTH OF SOUTH
KOREAN TEXTILES AND OTHER GOODS FROM THE FIRM OF KOO
BROTHERS CO. KIM SAYS HE IS KEENLY INTERESTED BECAUSE
GHAMDAN, OWNED BY REIMAN (SIC) ISMAIL GHAMDAN, HAS REP-
RESENTED ITSELF AS HAVING ACCESS TO HIGH YAR GOVERNMENT
LEADERSHIP AND CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL INFLUENCE THAT IT
WOULD BE WILLING TO USE ON SOUTH KOREA'S BEHALF.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH ANY
DATA AND COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON GHAMDAN TRADING
HOUSE: TEL 5572 OR 2460 OR 2468.
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